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## MRS. BENS

Has Returned From the Land of Gold and Hardships.

### SOME INTERESTING READING.

The steamer Bertha arrived at San Francisco, July 25, from St. Michael with 97 passengers and about \$1,000,000 in gold. The largest amount brought down by one person is \$75,000. The purser says there is wealth in the Cape Nome district.

Details of the loss of the Bens expedition are told by passengers. Out of a party of 17 people who left Port Townsend June 11, 1898, for Kotzebue Sound to prospect for gold only one survives, and that is Mrs. W. H. Bens, of Clay City, Ky. For twelve weeks she watched over her sick husband with no one to aid her, and when he died she was left alone in the wilderness. After walking nine miles she found a cabin in which three fishermen were wintering. She became sick of scurvy, but was tenderly cared for and finally reached St. Michael, and took passage for San Francisco on the Bertha.

It was not until Mrs. Bens reached Mulat, on her way South, that she heard that the members of the party which had been left behind on the steamer Elk had all died during the winter and spring from scurvy, and that all had been buried on a small island. These unfortunates were Capt. Smith, First Mate Frank Johnson, Earl Plummer, a young man from Port Townsend; John Morrison, Duluth; Peter Johnson, Johnson House, Seattle; James Hutton, E. Cowder, Bay City, Mich.; Daniel McCall, of Illinois; Capt. Hibbard, and six men from the steamer Eckert.

#### MRS. BENS' STORY.

Mrs. Bens told of her terrible experience in a voice choked with emotion. "We arrived in Seattle in October, 1897, from the East, and after building a little boat named Elk No. 1, started for Kotzebue, reaching there July 14, 1898. We anchored several miles up the Selkwick river. In August Andrew Moore, Frank Bowen, Andrew Baird, Noble and three others went back, their prospecting having shown little or nothing. Dr. Better, of Trenton, N. J., then joined the party, and with others, remained on the vessel during the winter. Of their sad fate I have only been recently told. Mr. Bens built a boat and he and I went some eighty miles up the Tagragawick river in search of gold. Here we found seven men, including Capt. Hibbard, from the steamer Eckert. We erected a cabin and Mr. Bens went back to the Elk for provisions. He was caught in a storm, and for sixty hours was without food and shelter. This led to the sickness which caused

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### FACTS AND OBSERVATIONS.

#### A Trip to Olive Hill, Ashland and Huntington.

We are Democrats and zealously advocate expansion—the expansion of the subscription list and job work from the ADVOCATE PUBLISHING CO.'s office.

#### OLIVE HILL.

Thursday morning July 20 Trimble started east and the first stop was made at Olive Hill fifty miles away. The mercantile business of the town is carried on by eight firms: L. C. Wilson, C. V. Zimmerman, S. White, J. P. Zimmerman, U. S. G. Tabor, N. D. Tabor, Dr. Hudgin and Mr. Straus, all of whom handle general merchandise except Dr. Hudgin who keeps a drug store. There are four doctors: Hudgin, McCleese, Robbins and Armstrong who relieve the physical distresses of the people. There are four churches: Two Methodist, Christian and Presbyterian. A resident in commenting on the people said there were in the town: the Lord's Poor, the Devil's Poor and Poor Devils. A school building costing \$1,770 is now being constructed. We failed to visit the fire clay works which is quite an industry. Etwood Hedlin formerly of this county was not at home when we went to see him. The health of the community is good. Dr. Jno. L. Robbins does not let many people pass by at meal times. He makes home folks of his guest and with him we had dinner. He was reared at Little Rock in Bourbon county, his daughter Mrs. James Martin lives near Carlisle. Noticing a grand-father's clock we were informed that its machinery was of wood and that it was 135 years old. A family relic was a spinning wheel made in 1812. C. M. Erwin and R. H. Paynter are the lawyers of the town. There are three preachers, two of whom are the Zimmerman merchants.

There is more catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by druggists, 75 cents. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

#### Railroad From Irvine to Beattyville To Be Built.

Several days ago negotiations which have been pending for some time were closed by which the Cumberland & Beattyville railroad passes under the control of the Louisville & Atlantic Railroad Company. The C. & B. railroad runs from Beattyville Junction, on the L. & A., to Beattyville, and was owned by a company of which Mr. Robert Wallace, of Midway, was president. The Louisville & Atlantic Railroad Company, under which name the R. N. I. & B. will hereafter be operated, is owned by Philadelphia capitalists who bought the R. N. I. & B. a short time ago and will extend it as rapidly as possible from its present terminus, Irvine, to connect with their new purchase at Beattyville, a distance of 35 miles.—Herald, Lexington.

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#### Baby's Photograph.

Have the baby's photograph taken at home by Geo. H. Schorn. Drop a postal and he will call.

For the news read every page of the ADVOCATE

ance assessment of forty cents per month. Labor is in demand and the town is prosperous while the factories run. Did not visit the nail factories or furnaces.

Called on Joe Nathan, the Philpess C. C. Freeman and Hugh Boardman formerly of this city. Hugh was not in. Ashland has only one paper, the Ashland Daily News and it does not send out a weekly. The town has a fine electric plant and electric cars that remind one of a city. We met the officials of the Merchants National Bank of which S. W. Hager, Democratic nominee for Treasurer is president. He kindly showed us through the Christian church building, which is quite attractive. The Mt. Sterling church assisted in erecting the edifice. The various departments of church work are progressing nicely. We did not have time to visit Clyffside Park the pleasure ground of the town. We much enjoyed the association and conversation with S. W. Hager. The political situation received attention but the writer is not a reporter.

W. J. Henry formerly of Morehead Normal school is bookkeeper for Crump & Fields, wholesale grocers. We called on several friends.

#### MOREHEAD.

At 1:20 we boarded the train for Morehead, our next stop, where we spent the night. Attended prayer meeting at the Baptist church. Capt. Bailly formerly a C. & O. conductor is very sick at Raine's Hotel. To him we endeavored to speak comforting words. Brick work on the new Court House progresses, walls about a half story high.

While J. S. Head, Jr., the popular Cashier of the Bank of Morehead was at Burgin his place was filled by Wm. S. Hopper who is assistant cashier of the bank at Burgin. The Teacher's Institute will soon convene here, a report of which will appear in the ADVOCATE. Every teacher in the county should be enrolled on our subscription list. As the train pulled out of Morehead a stranger remarked to his daughters "that within two or three years at least fifty men had been killed along here in these streets." The writer interviewed the stranger informed him of his mistake, told of the great change which had been wrought in the town and of the good that is being done. He would not let such a misrepresentation go uncorrected. The stranger expressed thanks and the train sped along.

#### OLYMPIA.

We paid our respects to the business men. Mr. Bishop of the Rose Run Iron Co., is an interesting talker. He showed us an iron plate 17x20 1/2 inches unearthed a few years ago on which are the words "Bourbon Furnace 1794."

On the train we learned that natural gas had recently appeared with considerable flow in a well belonging to Judge Sam Greene at Ibox, Elliott county.

#### Cheap Home-seekers' Excursions.

On August 1st and 15th, September 5th and 19th, October 3rd and 17th, the Missouri Pacific Railway and Iron Mountain Route, will have on sale at St. Louis round trip home-seekers' excursion tickets to points in Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, Arizona, Oklahoma, Indian Territory, New Mexico and Idaho (excepting that excursion tickets will not be sold to Texas points for the excursions of October 3rd and 17th) at rate of one fare plus \$2.00, bearing final return limit of twenty-one days from date of sale. Stop-overs allowed on going trip, fifteen days transit limit. For land pamphlets, rates and other information address,

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#### Are You Dopy?

If not, see the famous Opium Den, which is an exact reproduction of joints seen in New York's and San Francisco's "China Town." At the Lexington Horse Show, Fair and Carnival, August 8 to 12.

I want to have three mares grazed for a few months.

ASA BEAN.

## PERTINENT

Advice to the Farmer: From the Commissioner of Agriculture.

Suggests That the Farmers Organize.

FRANKFORT, Ky., July 10, 1899.

A recent meeting of the Advisory Board of this Bureau authorized the employment of lecturers to visit the various counties of the State for the purpose of Organizing Agricultural Societies or Farmers Clubs.

Agriculture, like any other occupation, depends for success upon the adoption of such methods as will produce the greatest possible return for the labor expended. This fact is recognized by all lines of trade in the formation of societies to study the conditions and devise ways and means of decreasing the cost of production, which is but another expression for increasing profits.

The farmers of Kentucky suffer a loss of many thousand dollars annually through failure to realize the importance of doing thoroughly what is done and by neglecting the many "small things" that go so far towards adding to the income of a progressive farmer. Is there any good reason why the farmers of each county should not organize a Farmers Club, where they, their wives, sons and daughters would meet, say monthly, for an interchange of ideas on the best means of doing the many things to be done on the farm? Can anyone doubt that we would each learn something from the other? No oratorical efforts should be attempted or expected, but after his own fashion every farmer who is interested in his work should be willing to give his views on the subject under discussion, and if he has no views, there is greater need for him to attend and listen to the views of others.

Farmers, more than any other class, are interested in good roads, and the societies could do much to give form and force to the prevailing sentiment in favor of a better highway system.

Faithfully yours,  
LUCAS MOORE,  
Commissioner of Agriculture.

## BLACKBURN

Chosen Chairman of the Democratic Campaign Committee.

#### GETS DOWN TO HIS WORK.

Senator Goebel, R. J. Breckenridge S. W. Hager, Cripps Beckham, and I. B. Nall, candidates on the Democratic ticket, met at Frankfort, on Tuesday, for a conference with Senator Blackburn and a sub-committee of the State Central Committee to decide on the plans for the campaign.

After hearing remarks from the candidates, Senator Blackburn was selected Chairman of the Campaign Committee and two members of the Campaign Committee, from each Congressional district, will be named by Senator Blackburn with the advice of the candidates. It is said these selections have been made, but will not be made public at present. Active work has already been begun by the Campaign Committee.

#### The Palace.

The Palace Hotel, Sixth and Vine, Cincinnati, is a popular resort. The rates are \$2 to \$3 per day, American plan, and \$1 up, European plan. The fare is good, and prompt attention is given the guests. Remember the Palace when in the city.

#### A Very Fine Rain.

On Friday forenoon and afternoon this section was blessed with a very fine rain. It did not extend as far as Winchester. Much of Clarke and Fayette counties are in need of rain.

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